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 A CHINESE INTERPRETER IN ATTENDANCE.
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Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 12th day of July, 1897, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
 J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
 Colonial Secretary.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of July, 1897, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Hung Hom in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measure.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Notes.
1	Hung Hom	12000 sq. ft.	27.67	100	1000

To Let.

DWELLING HOUSES.
 HOUSES IN RYTON TERRACE, HARFORD, at MACLEOD GATE, GODOWNS IN BURNING BUILDINGS, No. 29, SOUTH STREET, FLOORS IN STATION and ELGIN STREETS.

Apply to
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
 Hongkong, June 24, 1897. 2185

To Let.

NOS. 4 and 9, QUEEN'S GARDENS.
 Apply to
 G. C. ANDERSON,
 13, Praya Central.
 Hongkong, April 30, 1897. 398

To Let.

INSURANCES.
UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
 (Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).
 CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
 CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
 TOTAL INSURED FUNDS, £280,000.
 TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £850,000.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed Agents of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.
HARMY WICKING & Co.,
 Praya Central.
 1431

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1895, £12,433,131.
 Authorized Capital, £3,000,000.
 Subscribed Capital, £2,750,000.
 Paid-up Capital, £2,300,000.
 Fire Funds, £2,000,000.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed Agents of the above Company in Hongkong, are prepared to accept of and guarantee RISKS at Current Rates.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, July 23, 1897. 1547

WEEKLY NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.
 IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure of each Kowloon and Canton Mail Steamer for Europe. It contains special Commercial Intelligence, special tables of Shipping, and other information. The various Reports of Courts and Meetings, and all other news, are given in full as they appear in the Daily Press.

To-day's Advertisements.

SPERRY FLOUR COMPANY, HONGKONG.
 I have This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Company's Business at this BRANCH.
WILLIAM WHILEY, Manager.
 Hongkong, July 8, 1897. 1857

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT.)
 The Co.'s Steamship, *Wooning*, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 10th July, at Daylight.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Hongkong, July 9, 1897. 1344

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT.)
 The Co.'s Steamship, *Taiwan*, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 12th July, at 2 p.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Hongkong, July 9, 1897. 1356

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
 The Co.'s Steamship, *Haiman*, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 13th July, at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co., General Managers.
 Hongkong, July 9, 1897. 1359

'SHELL' LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
 (Taking Cargo at through rates to OPEN-HAGEN, STOCKHOLM, NORRKOPING, GÖTEBORG, DANZIG and KÖNIGSBERG with transhipment in HAMBURG).
 The Co.'s Steamship, *Thames*, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 12th Instant.
 For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, July 9, 1897. 1345

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER THAMES.
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.
 CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their disposal in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—
 From LONDON, &c., ex s.s. *Arctica*,
 From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. *Pachyma*,
 From SINGAPORE, ex s.s. *Thames*,
 From SHANGHAI, ex s.s. *Thames*,
 Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. on the 10th July.
 Goods not cleared by the 15th July, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
 All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.
H. A. BITCHIE, Superintendent.
 Hongkong, July 9, 1897. 1363

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.
 THE Co.'s S.S. *Myone* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their disposal in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the Underwritten before Noon, on the 10th Instant, or they will not be recognised.
 All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 10th Instant, at 3 p.m.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 10th Instant will be subject to rent.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, July 9, 1897. 1354

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
 THE Company's S.S. *Myone* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
 Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon of the 10th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at their cost.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
 Hongkong, July 9, 1897. 1368

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Loading.
Australian Ports.....	Taiwan (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	July 10, at 5 p.m.
Australian Ports.....	Yamashiro Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	July 23, at 4 p.m.
Bremen and Hamburg.....	D 150 Rickmers (s).....	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.....	July 19.
Bremen and Hamburg.....	Sachsen (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.....	July 20, at 9 a.m.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	H. R. Ldquand'sburg.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.....	July 16, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Verona (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	about July 13.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Peking (s).....	Holliday, Wise & Co.....	July 15, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Ravenna (s).....	Holliday, Wise & Co.....	about July 21.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Kaisow (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	July 14.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Myramion (s).....	Arnold, Karberg & Co.....	July 19.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Troas (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	about July 22.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Onton (s).....	Messages Maritime.....	July 21, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Oceanien (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	July 23, at 5 p.m.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Hakata Maru (s).....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.....	about July 15.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Cartmarthonshire (s).....	Dalwell, Carll & Co.....	about July 17.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Argyll (s).....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.....	about July 26.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Fortino (s).....	Siemens & Co.....	quick despatch.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Shantung (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	July 10, at 4 p.m.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Poru (s).....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.....	July 15, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Cyprie (s).....	J. & O. S. S. Co.....	July 24, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Hoachbank.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.....	quick despatch.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Yamaguchi Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	July 14, at 1 p.m.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Wocung (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	July 10, daylight.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Daihai (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	July 10, at 8 a.m.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Taiwan (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	July 12, at 2 p.m.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Myne (s).....	Holliday, Wise & Co.....	July 10, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Lightning (s).....	D. Saseon, Sons & Co.....	July 10, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Haimun (s).....	Douglas Laing & Co.....	July 13, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Watom, Amy & Pao.....	Douglas Laing & Co.....	July 27, at noon.
Bombay and Port of Call.....	Columbia (s).....	Swansea P&N R. Co.....	July 21, at noon.

Some excitement was occasioned in Japan ten days ago by the publication in the native papers of a rumour that the *Centurion* and the *Albatross* had been ordered to Honolulu!

This Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at to-morrow's Gymkhana:—

- 1.—Overture..... French Comedy..... *Edith Bell*
 - 2.—Song..... *La Paloma*..... *Traveller*
 - 3.—Selection..... *The Circus Girl*..... *John Carrell*
 - 4.—Song..... *The Star of Bethlehem*..... *John*
 - 5.—Vale..... *Tarantula*..... *W. G. Bentley*
 - 6.—Rehearsal of All Nations..... *P. G. Bentley*
- Wm. Geo. Bentley, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

We published, about a fortnight ago, a sketch of the life of Colonel Mosby, formerly U. S. Consul here, copied from the *New York World*. In that sketch it was stated that the worthy Colonel was dying, and the appreciative remarks on the brave Colonel were ended thus:—“It is a gallant and a chivalrous spirit that is passing away.” We are sure that every eye in Hongkong who remembers Consul Mosby in this Colony will be pleased to learn that the last news of his condition is not nearly so bad as might have been expected. According to latest advices, a gentleman, who had received a letter from the daughter of Colonel Mosby, stated that the Colonel was doing well, after his accident. He had been kicked on the face and head by a horse, and the supposed presence of a clot of blood on the brain was interpreted to mean his early dissolution. It now appears that, although the Colonel has lost an eye, he will be but little disfigured. It will be good news to his friends to know that Colonel Mosby was recovering from his injuries. The Colonel, as we have often said, is a man of great force of character. His career in the War demonstrated that characteristic in a remarkable manner. His work here in Hongkong also showed his fearlessness and his hatred of everything like humbug. He did much to clear the U.S. Consulate here from the bad reputation it had earned, and he did much towards raising the standard of honesty and clean handedness in the U.S. Civil Service generally. Hongkong has been blessed with a succession of straightforward U.S. Consuls for many years back—chiefly we suggest, owing to the forcible action of Colonel Mosby, and the strong despatches he sent to the State Department. Curiously enough, the accident to Colonel Mosby must have happened about the same time as Consul Hunt (U.S. Consul here) was thrown from his horse. For the two gentlemen well known in Hongkong—able cavalry leaders—to be injured almost at the same time in a very similar way is a curious coincidence.

Last night Professor Stenard gave a demonstration of his system of electrical treatment, at the City Hall, before a house packed in all parts. The Professor presented his demonstration with a short address, in which he explained the various modes adopted in the past to administer electricity to the patient. He characterized the old method of giving the patient a shock from a galvano battery as in some cases highly dangerous, and proceeded to explain that by his patented system the electricity passed through himself to his patient, so that all danger was removed. His only surgical instruments were pieces of wool, and he guaranteed to demonstrate that the wool would be as effective as the surgeon's lancet. The Professor's Chinese interpreter also delivered a short address to the large number of Chinese present. The first patient to be treated was Mr. Tauber, who was suffering from blindness and deafness. The patient was seated in a chair with his feet on a mat, which was connected with the electrical appliances. To prove the patient's deafness, the Professor asked him a few questions in a loud voice. He then stated he was to treat Mr. Tauber for deafness that night, and he would attend to his eyesight at his consulting rooms. The Professor then commenced the operation by switching on the electric current, and with a small piece of wetted wool formed in the shape of a pencil he transmitted the electric current from himself to his patient. He also made a few passes with his fingers over certain parts of the head and neck. At the close of the operation he intimated that the patient was in a very weak state of health, and in consequence the electric current he had transmitted to him had been very weak. He would leave the audience to judge, however, of the efficacy of the treatment. A few questions were addressed to the patient in a normal tone of voice, which he indicated he had heard by answering correctly. The Professor was applauded for his success in the treatment of the case. The case next treated was for partial deafness and blindness, and here also the Professor appeared to have effected his cure. A patient suffering from intense rheumatism intimated that he had received immense relief under the treatment. The Professor then intimated he would give the audience some amusement. A number of simple electrical tricks were performed on several gentlemen who ascended the platform. The Professor closed the demonstration with the intimation that he was prepared to treat free any absolute helpless cases to-night if they were brought to the hall at six o'clock provided with a letter from a well-known citizen guaranteeing their case to be genuine.

SO NEW PRISON just arrived: seen making. Also China and Transpacific Express, running from the steamer. W. Robinson & Co.

Capt. E. S. Pos and Capt. Angus MacLeod, both well known on the China Station, command, respectively, the *Victorians* and *Jupiter* battleships.

The Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess on Sunday evenings July 11th:—

- 1.—Overture..... *La Paloma*..... *Edith Bell*
 - 2.—Song..... *La Paloma*..... *Traveller*
 - 3.—Selection..... *The Circus Girl*..... *John Carrell*
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The cricket match at Kobe between the officers of the *Narcissus* and *Ladies' Eleven* resulted in a win for the officers by 76 runs to 63. Miss E. Smithers was the highest scorer in the match with 17, and Miss Sower scored 10 not out. Mrs. Skinner captured 3 wickets for 12 runs. Miss Smithers 3 for 37, and Miss Elliott 4 for 27. The naval team had to bat with left hand only and to catch the ball with one hand. The falling of the ladies was not up to first-class form.

One of the members of the Lyons Commercial Mission now in China, writing to the *Dukado*, pens a strong appreciation of Hongkong. He states:—“Here we are at Hongkong, and for a week I have not ceased to admire the English genius. Marvelously situated, from the commercial and strategic point of view, Hongkong is at once the gate of China, Korea, Japan, Manila, Borneo, and, above all, of Tong-King. Such a place would not fail to be in the hands of the English. Lines of steamers from America here join with English, French and German. It is an incessant movement of ships, making a gigantic office, where the trade of the world is interchanged. In no other spot of the world is business conducted so rapidly. It is the American favor in all its intensity.”

A CORRESPONDENT supplies us with some details of the recent attack on missionaries at Wuch'eng, which has been briefly noted already. Wuch'eng is a post-town near Kienchang in Kiangsi. The *Sin Wen* of the 3rd inst. states that the elder missionary stationed there was experienced and mild in temper, and that if it had been he who was insulted in the streets there would have been no trouble. His colleague is a new arrival. He was badly insulted by a boy, and retaliated by smacking the boy's face. The result was that the missionaries were set upon and mission property destroyed. The native Magistrates were appealed to, and offered as indemnity for a burnt chapel and destroyed furniture a confiscated cash shop. This, of course, was rejected. After much delay, the Magistrates consented to pay Tls. 4500.

At the Magistrate's day, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate, gave his decision in regard to the forfeiture of the money and jewellery found in the gambling house at No. 2 Wa Lane on June 21 by Captain Superintendent and Acting Chief Inspector Mackie. Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, who appeared on behalf of the prosecution, said he did not ask his Worship to forfeit anything. Mr. E. Robinson said the defendant claimed the money and jewellery found as his property. Mr. Denny said his Worship must make an order for the forfeiture of the goods. The Magistrate—At present the things are in Court; do you claim all these things? Mr. Robinson—I claim repossession. The Magistrate—On that ground?—Mr. Robinson said he did not state any grounds. They were taken out of his custody. With regard to what was said on making no order, if his Lordship admitted the things were in possession of the Court, he might have to take proceedings. He submitted under the Ordinances they were not forfeitable, and therefore it was the plain duty of the Magistrate to declare they were not forfeitable, and they should be returned to the place from whence they came. His Worship said he did not think that either the money or the articles seized came within the definition of such things as might be forfeited upon a gambling house being entered under warrant. Therefore, none of the things that had been produced would be forfeited. If the fine of \$1000 was not paid, delivery would be enforced by distress warrant. No order was made as to the goods, which therefore remained in the possession of the Police.

VEREAS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon: Reins Cristina, Rose, Hailong, Mathew Castle.

Aberdeen.—(None).
Cantonopolis.—(None).

The *Leander*, cruiser, Capt. F. F. Fegen, was commissioned on June 8 at Chatham for service on the Pacific Station.

The Press Association states that the Japanese Government has placed a first-line battleship of 11,000 tons with Messrs. Thompson, of Clyde Bank, Glasgow. She will be practically a duplicate of her Majesty's ship *Agincourt*.

At H. B. M. Consular Court, at Bangkok, the Chinese steward and the pastry and Captain's boys of the s.s. *P. O. G. Rice* were charged with attempting to smuggle twenty-three tins of opium, which were valued at \$350. According to the evidence for the prosecution the contraband opium had been stowed under the Captain's mattress and was discovered by the Captain who handed over the drugs to Mr. W. C. Chief Inspector of the Opium Farm, on the 28th June, during the course of his examination of the vessel. The evidence conclusively pointed to the Captain's boy as the offender, and he was accordingly sentenced by Mr. Archer to pay a fine of \$350 in default six months imprisonment.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the 'China Mail'.)

London, 7th July, 1897.

THE POWERS AND THE WAR.

A Russian circular suggests taking steps to expedite peace.

THE ABYSSINIAN MISSION.

The British Mission to Abyssinia has obtained King Menelik's benevolent neutrality regarding the Anglo-Egyptian operations in the Sudan.

THE UNIVERSITY CRICKET MATCH.

Cambridge beat Oxford by 179 runs. (Last year Oxford won unexpectedly by four wickets; G. O. Smith playing a grand innings for 132. Since 1877, Cambridge has won 12 and Oxford 8 matches, and the 1888 match was drawn on account of protracted wet weather.—Ed., C.M.)

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THE CHARGE AGAINST VINCENT.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

At the Magistrate's yesterday, before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate, P. Vincent was brought up on remand charged with stealing two boxes, cups and saucers, a quantity of glass ware, altogether of the value of \$12, belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, by whom he was employed.

A coole employed at the C.P.R. godown, Blue Buildings, Praya East, said on 15th May at 4 p.m. he saw the defendant in the godown wrap up three cups and three saucers, and then go out, get into a ricksha and drive away. On the 16th Vincent saw the defendant putting cups, saucers and other things into a box which he took away in the afternoon. On the following morning the defendant took a parcel out of the godown and handed it to his ricksha coolie. On 16th May the defendant put another box in a ricksha and drove away with it.

A ricksha coolie said one afternoon in May he took defendant to the City Hall. He was carrying a parcel, which he took into the City Hall, and returned without it. On the following day under instruction from defendant he took the box in Court to a house in Duddell Street.

George Millward, freight clerk, C.P.R. Company, said at six o'clock on the afternoon of 18th May he sent defendant from the office to the *Empress of India*, and asked him to get a parcel's receipt for the parcel which he took off. He did not return, and on the following morning on asking the first witness where the defendant was he said he was sick and would not be at the office. The following day he heard the defendant's name and saw him on the steps of the godown from the defendant's house in Wanchai. Two days later, in consequence of information received, he went to the godown and took stock. He found articles missing to the total value of about \$35. The whole stock was worth about \$24,000. From what the first witness told him he went to the Police Station and took out a warrant. The defendant had been in the employment of the Company for about a year; his salary was \$80 a month.

Vincent made the following statement:—When I took over the stores from the freight clerk, Mr. Messer, he took me down to the stores and told me he thought everything was correct. Not being satisfied I went over the stores myself. I found several articles deficient and several missing. I reported the matter to the freight clerk. He asked me to make exchange with the stewards of the Company's steamers with the articles in which I was in excess for those in which I was short. I did make exchange with some of the articles, but some I could not exchange. When I took over the stores from the freight clerk, Mr. Messer, he took me down to the stores and told me he thought everything was correct. Not being satisfied I went over the stores myself. I found several articles deficient and several missing. I reported the matter to the freight clerk. He asked me to make exchange with the stewards of the Company's steamers with the articles in which I was in excess for those in which I was short. I did make exchange with some of the articles, but some I could not exchange.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge.)

Friday, July 9.

ACTION ON BREACH OF SHARE CONTRACT.

Mr. E. Bischoff brought a claim for \$587.50 against Mr. G. A. Watkins for breach of share contract.

Mr. G. C. G. M. appeared for plaintiff; Mr. J. L. Hastings appeared for the defendant.

His Lordship delivered judgment in this suit in favour of the plaintiff for \$525, which was \$10 above the money paid into Court. The plaintiff had carried out his transaction in a very business-like manner. The reply of the defendant in the writ-book—“Will reply—G. A. W. to the plaintiff's letter stating that unless the shares were taken up before three o'clock had disconnected the plaintiff, and he had told him to take the shares. The market price of the morning was \$10, but being settlement day a large number of shares fell to \$9, and afterwards buyers could not be found at that price. The market price of the shares was \$9, and he therefore gave judgment for the difference between \$9 and the contract price of \$11, which was \$200, with brokerage fees at the rate of ten cents a share, \$20—total, \$220, and costs.

THE 'KENG-UI-LUN.'

THE CHINESE HOSPITAL OF MACAO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, July 7, 1897.

The Chinese hospital at Macao, known as the Keng-ui-lun, was founded in 1871. The Government, at the time, recognising the benevolent aims of the institution, granted a site in one of the suburban districts for the erection of a building, towards the construction and furnishing of which a subscription was raised among the Chinese, irrespective of class or position. The objects of the institution are in every way similar to the admirable societies existing in Hongkong which direct the affairs of the Po Leung Kuk and the Tung Wah Hospital. They include the issuing, free of charge, of medicines and medical comforts to the sick Chinese poor, and the treatment of those resorting to the hospital for medical aid. It maintains, at its own cost, dispensaries at different localities in the city, and furnishes coffins for deceased Chinese destitute. In short, it undertakes to render aid whenever there appears to be a deserving and pressing demand for it. The Keng-ui-lun is thus seen to be a benevolent institution worthy of every support, and it is therefore to be regretted that it has been made the object of a slanderous attack by some mischief-maker who has issued an anonymous circular in Chinese casting evil imputations upon the management of the Keng-ui-lun.

All efforts to trace the authorship of the mischievous circular have so far failed, and the Directors, with a view to allay all apprehensions on the part of the subscribers and other supporters of the institution in regard to the alleged mismanagement of its affairs, decided to convene an extraordinary meeting of all those interested in the working of the hospital on Sunday, the 4th instant. At this meeting there were present the founders, directors and friends of the institution, besides a large number of Chinese, some 300 in all. One of the Portuguese officials, accompanied by a Court interpreter, was also present.

As a result of the meeting the manager of the hospital, who had been connected with the institution for over 25 years and who had rendered valuable services in connection with the epidemic of bubonic plague, was dismissed, and public confidence in the Directorate appears now to be restored.

It is to be hoped that the Chinese gentlemen who have done so much good and rendered such signal service in the cause of humanity in the past will be left in peace to pursue the even tenor of their way and to continue their inextinguishable blessings to the sick and destitute Chinese.

NEW PRISON AND OPEN RECEPTION HOSPITAL.

Mr. W. Robinson & Co.

THE RECORD TRANS-PACIFIC VOYAGE.

10 DAYS AND 3 HOURS FROM VANCOUVER TO YOKOHAMA.

The C. P. K. Company's Steamship *Empress of Japan*, which left Vancouver, B.C., on Saturday p.m. June 28th, five days later, arrived at Yokohama at 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, the 7th instant, having made the voyage from port to port in the remarkable time of 10 days and 3 hours, actual steaming, thus breaking her previous record voyage of 10 days, 17 hours and 40 mins. homeward bound, by 14 hours, made in August 1891, when her Yokohama mails were delivered in the London Post Office inside of 21 days. She left Yokohama on Wednesday at 9 p.m. for Nagasaki, where she is expected to arrive to-night, and notwithstanding her 5 days' late departure from Vancouver, is expected to arrive at Hongkong on time, Wednesday next, the 14th inst.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the fifteenth annual report of the Board of Directors of the above Company, presented to the Shareholders at the sixteenth ordinary general meeting, held at the Offices of the Company, on Thursday, the 17th day of June:—

The Board of Directors submit herewith their Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1896.

The results of the year's working unfortunately compare very unfavourably with the earnings of the two previous years, and reference to the accounts will show how materially the receipts have been reduced. This shrinkage is attributable to the low freight rates, owing to the competition to which the local Companies were subjected by an unusual influx of cargoes from Europe working on the Coast Lines, and to the number of vessels in Japan waters released from the requirements of the late war. General trade was also dull, and in particular there was a great diminution in the movement of Rice and other grain from the Yangtze Valley both to northern and southern ports.

The Directors are glad to say that the current year, 1897, has opened with brighter prospects, and it is hoped the improvement will be maintained.

In the Balance Sheet the Chinese Assets are calculated at before at \$2,18,149.1d. per cent. under the average exchange of the year. Since December, however, a decline has taken place, and provision has accordingly been made for a probable reduction in the average of 1897 by transfer of the gain in Exchange Account \$23,019.411 to Exchange Reserve, which will be chargeable with any difference in the rate.

From the accretions of Underwriting Account \$16,318.17/3 has been transferred to Revenue, thus enabling full depreciation on the fleet to be provided for. Unfortunately, however, the earnings do not admit of any dividend being paid on the present occasion, and the balance of profit, \$1,380.16/3, is therefore carried forward to next year.

In connection with the 'On Wo' disaster, noticed in the last report, litigation has been going on, and a final settlement has not yet been arrived at. This is the only legal case of the year, and after allowing for the transfer above referred to, and meeting all claims upon it, the Underwriting Account is left with a satisfactory balance of \$10,000.

For the year 1897 we have had one serious accident, the steamer 'Yik Sang' having run ashore on the coast of Japan. She was got off with difficulty and brought into Nagasaki, where a considerable amount will have to be expended on repairs.

All the objects of the Directors to press for a settlement of the 'Koy Shing' claim have as yet failed to obtain the desired result, principally on account of the prolonged illness of the late Chinese Minister in London. The case is now before the new Minister, who was already acquainted with its circumstances, and everything possible will be done to bring about a satisfactory settlement.

The additions to the fleet in 1896 are the 'Fau Sang', 'Chun Sang', and 'Sui Wo', all mentioned in the Board's last report. The 'Sui Wo' is the last built for the Company, on which line she is now plying.

Mr. Thomas Reid and Mr. William Peterson are Directors who retire at this meeting, and being eligible, they offer themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. Tanquand, Youngs & Co., will likewise be proposed for re-election.

By Order of the Board, J. MACADREW, Chairman.

London, 9th June, 1897.

We hear (says the *L. and C. Express*) that after very considerable haggling, the Treasury has agreed to provide the necessary sum for a proper summer residence for the British Minister at Peking. This will be in the district of the Western hills, where foreigners are wont to reside in temples during the summer months. Our only comment on the fact is that it is a step which should have been taken very many years ago.

In every branch of Japanese industry we see the upward tendency of prices on account of the increasing cost of labour. The humble printer of match-box labels is among the last in Kobe to strive for higher remuneration. The men asked for an increase, and their being refused on account of the present depression in the match trade, many struck work and more are expected to follow the example.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

Business among the cotton spinning companies of Japan is reported to have been fairly good during the past half-year. Cotton yarn has been higher by 2.50 per cent. compared with the previous half-year, and the price of raw cotton has also been higher by 1.20 per cent. wages of mechanics and labourers by 20 per cent.; salaries of company servants, by 10 per cent., and the price of coal almost double, so that the cost of production has been 1.20 per cent. higher than last year. Consequently the profits of the spinning companies will be, it is said, about equal to those of the preceding year.—*Japan Times*.

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